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Below, please find a letter from members of the Illinois congressional delegation to Gov. Pat Quinn regarding questions about the transfer of Al Qaeda/Taliban detainees from U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay to a future military-controlled detention facility in Thomson, Illinois.

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Governor Pat Quinn  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

As we move forward with a dignified and precise discussion regarding the cost, security and legal issues regarding the transfer of Al Qaeda/Taliban detainees from U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay to a future military-controlled detention facility in Thomson, Illinois, we would like you to provide answers to the following questions so that our delegation, state legislature and people of Illinois can learn the details of your proposal.

After informal briefings by the Bureau of Prisons and Department of Defense, the Administration has not scheduled any follow-up briefings for members of Congress in Illinois. No future briefings are scheduled.

As you know, Kansas Gov. Sebelius formally raised concerns with Secretary Gates when she was approached by the Administration with a similar proposal. We have attached a copy of her letter of January 28 for your reference.

We ask that you consider these issues which must in any case be resolved if this plan moves forward. We believe the elected representatives of Illinois, in Washington and Springfield, should review the answers to these questions as we consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Kirk  
Don Manzullo  
Tim Johnson  
John Shimkus  
Peter Roskam  
Aaron Schock  
Judy Biggert